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SUBJECT: PNG OF DONALD KURSCH

REF: A. MOSCOW 833; B. MOSCOW 753; C. STATE 11051

1. NOW THAT SOVIETS HAVE TAKEN FINAL STEP ON KURSCH - AND CHARACTERIZED IT AS "IRREVERSIBLE" - WE ASSUME THAT DEPARTMENT WILL PROCEED IMMEDIATELY TO DECLARE A COUNSELOR OF SOVIET TRADE REPRESENTATION IN WASHINGTON PNG ON RECIPROCAL GROUNDS. ANY APPARENT HESITATION TO TAKE THIS STEP COULD BE INTERPRETED BY SOVIETS AS LACK OF RESOLVE AND THUS CALL INTO QUESTION OUR DETERMINATION TO REDUCE THE SIZE OF THEIR TRADE REPRESENTATION IN WASHINGTON DRASTICALLY IF THEY RESPONDE FURTHER TO OUR RETALIATORY ACTION. LATTER DETERMINATION SHOULD BE REITERATED IN SPECIFIC TERMS TO PROVIDE MAXIMUM DETERRENCE TO FURTHER SOVIET ACTION.

2. IT IS NOW OF COURSE IMPOSSIBLE TO KEEP NEWS OF KURSCH'S DEPARTURE FROM AMERICAN COMMUNITY AS WHOLE, INCLUDING U.S. CORRESPONDENTS. WE MUST PULL KURSCH OFF TRADE SHOW IN COMMERCIAL OFFICE, WHICH WILL BE OBVIOUS TO ALL CONCERNED. ALSO, HE MUST ENLIST HELP OF FRIENDS FOR PACKING AND PREPARATIONS FOR DEPARTURE.

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FOR THESE REASONS WE ARE LIKELY TO START RECEIVING PRESS INQUIRIES VERY SOON - PERHAPS THIS EVENING. SINCE WE CAN HARDLY PLEAD IGNORANCE IF CORESPONDENTS CALL, WE SHALL USE TALKING POINTS OUTLINED IN PARA 6, MOSCOW 753 UNLESS AMENDED QUIDANCE RECEIVED IN INTERIM. GUIDANCE SHOULD BE SENT NIACT IMMEDIATE AND TRANSMITTED AS EXDIS OR BELOW TO AVOID DELAYS OF DOUBLE ENCRYPTION.

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